Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): An image extracting method of extracting images from a plurality of images, comprising:

a setting step of setting a number of images to be extracted from the plurality of images according to a user operation;

a recognition step of recognizing evaluations for the plurality of images, wherein the evaluations are values set for a plurality of images by a user and designating rating scores of the plurality of images evaluated by the user; and

an extraction step of extracting the set number of the images from the plurality of images based on the recognized evaluations.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): An image extracting method according to claim 15, wherein said input step comprises sequentially inputting the evaluations for respective ones of the plurality of images.

Claim 3 (Original): An image extracting method according to claim 2, wherein the evaluations are input in chronological order.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): An image extracting method according to claim 15, wherein said input step comprises inputting an instruction for image correction processing including an image correction, in addition to inputting the evaluations.

Claim 5 (Original): An image extracting method according to claim 1, further comprising an album creation step of creating a photo album by arranging the extracted images on each page of the photo album.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): An image extracting method according to claim 5, wherein said album creation step comprises arranging the extracted images on each page of the photo album based on the recognized evaluations.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): An image extracting method according to claim 1, further comprising a division step of dividing the plurality of images into a plurality of groups, and

wherein said extraction step comprises extracting at least one image from the images belonging to each of the groups into which the plurality of images are divided and executing the extraction of the images until a number of images extracted from all the groups reaches to the set number.

Claim 8 (Original): An image extracting method according to claim 7, wherein said division step comprises designating a group to which each of the plurality of images is to belong and carrying out the division according to the designated group.

Claim 9 (Original): An image extracting method according to claim 7, wherein said division step comprises dividing the images according to times of creation of the images.

Claim 10 (Original): An image extracting method according to claim 7, further comprising an extraction number input step of inputting a number of images to be extracted from each of the groups into which the plurality of images is divided.

Claim 11 (Original): An image extracting method according to claim 7, further comprising an album creation step of creating a photo album by arranging images extracted

from each of the groups into which the plurality of images is divided on each page of the photo album.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): An image extracting method according to claim 11, wherein said album creation step comprises arranging the extracted images from each of the groups into which the plurality of images is divided on each page of the photo album based on the recognized evaluations.

Claim 13 (Original): An image extracting method according to claim 11, wherein said album creation step comprises arranging the extracted images from the groups into which the plurality of images are divided on pages of the photo album based on the groups into which the plurality of images are divided.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): An image extracting method according to claim 15, wherein the evaluations are values intermediate between a predetermined highest value and a predetermined lowest value.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): An image extracting method according to claim 1, further comprising an input step of inputting the values of the evaluations for the plurality of images.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): An image extracting apparatus that extracts images from a plurality of images, comprising:

a setting device adapted to set a number of images to be extracted from the plurality of images according to a user operation;

a recognition device adapted to recognize evaluations for the plurality of images, wherein the evaluations are values set for a plurality of images by a user and designating rating scores of the plurality of images evaluated by the user; and

an extraction device adapted to extract the set number of the images from the plurality of images based on the recognized evaluations.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): A computer-readable storage medium storing a program for causing a computer to execute an image extracting method of extracting images from a plurality of images, the image extracting method comprising:

a setting step of setting a number of images to be extracted from the plurality of images according to a user operation;

a recognition step of recognizing evaluations for the plurality of images, wherein the evaluations are values set for the plurality of images by a user and designating rating scores of the plurality of images evaluated by the user; and

an extraction step of extracting the set number of the images from the plurality of images based on the recognized evaluations.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): An image extracting method of extracting images from a plurality of images, comprising:

a setting step of setting a number of images to be extracted from the plurality of images;

a recognition step of recognizing evaluations for the plurality of images, wherein the evaluations are values set for the plurality of images by a user and designating rating scores of the plurality of images evaluated by the user; and

an extracting step of extracting the set number of the images from the plurality of images in descending order of the recognized evaluations.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): An image extracting apparatus that extracts images from a plurality of images, comprising:

a setting device adapted to set a number of images to be extracted from the plurality of images;

a recognition device adapted to recognize evaluations for the plurality of images, wherein the evaluations are values set for the plurality of images by a user and designating rating scores of the plurality of images evaluated by the user; and

an extracting device adapted to extract the set number of the images from the plurality of images in descending order of the recognized evaluations.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): A computer-readable storage medium storing a program for causing a computer to execute an image extracting method of extracting images from a plurality of images, the image extracting method comprising:

a setting step of setting a number of images to be extracted from the plurality of images;

a recognition step of recognizing evaluations for the plurality of images, wherein the evaluations are values set for the plurality of images by a user and designating rating scores of the plurality of images evaluated by the user; and

an extracting step of extracting the set number of the images from the plurality of images in descending order of the recognized evaluations.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): An image extracting method according to claim 1, wherein said extracting step comprises eliminating an image, the recognized evaluation of which is lower than a specific value, from the set number of images, even where the total number of the extracted images does not reach to the set number.

Claim 22 (New) An image extracting method according to claim 1, further comprising an arranging step of arranging the set number of images extracted in said extraction step based on a parameter different from the evaluations.

Claims 23 (New) An image extracting method according to claim 18, further comprising an arranging step of arranging the set number of images extracted in said extraction step based on a parameter different from the evaluations.

Claim 24 (New) An image extracting method of extracting images from a plurality of images, comprising:

a setting step of setting a number of images to be extracted from the plurality of images according to a user operation;

a recognition step of recognizing evaluations for the plurality of images, wherein the evaluations are values set for a plurality of images by a user and designating rating scores of the plurality of images evaluated by the user;

a division step of dividing the plurality of images into a plurality of groups;

an extraction step of extracting the set number of the images from the plurality of images based on the recognized evaluations; and

an arranging step of arranging the set number of images extracted in said extraction step based on a parameter different from the evaluations,

wherein said extraction step comprises extracting at least one image from the images belonging to each of the groups into which the plurality of images are divided and executing the extraction of the images until a number of images extracted from all the groups reaches to the set number, and

wherein said extracting step comprises eliminating an image, the recognized evaluation of which is lower than a specific value, from the set number of images, even where the total number of the extracted images does not reach to the set number.

Claim 25 (New) An image extracting apparatus that extracts images from a plurality of images, comprising:

a setting device adapted to set a number of images to be extracted from the plurality of images according to a user operation;

a recognition device adapted to recognize evaluations for the plurality of images, wherein the evaluations are values set for a plurality of images by a user and designating rating scores of the plurality of images evaluated by the user;

a division device adapted to divide the plurality of images into a plurality of groups;

an extraction device adapted to extract the set number of the images from the plurality of images based on the recognized evaluations; and

an arranging device adapted to arrange the set number of images extracted in said extraction device based on a parameter different from the evaluations,

wherein said extraction device extracts at least one image from the images belonging to each of the groups into which the plurality of images are divided and executes the extraction of the images until a number of images extracted from all the groups reaches to the set number, and

wherein said extracting device eliminates an image, the recognized evaluation of which is lower than a specific value, from the set number of images, even where the total number of the extracted images does not reach to the set number.

Claim 26 (New) A computer-readable storage medium storing a program for causing a computer to execute an image extracting method of extracting images from a plurality of images, the image extracting method comprising:

a setting step of setting a number of images to be extracted from the plurality of images according to a user operation;

a recognition step of recognizing evaluations for the plurality of images, wherein the evaluations are values set for a plurality of images by a user and designating rating scores of the plurality of images evaluated by the user;

a division step of dividing the plurality of images into a plurality of groups;

an extraction step of extracting the set number of the images from the plurality of images based on the recognized evaluations; and

an arranging step of arranging the set number of images extracted in said extraction step based on a parameter different from the evaluations,

wherein said extraction step comprises extracting at least one image from the images belonging to each of the groups into which the plurality of images are divided and executing the extraction of the images until a number of images extracted from all the groups reaches to the set number, and

wherein said extracting step comprises eliminating an image, the recognized evaluation of which is lower than a specific value, from the set number of images, even where the total number of the extracted images does not reach to the set number.